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STOPPER DEVICE FOR CONTAINERS, SUCH AS CYLINDERS, EQUIPPED WITH

A NECK OF THE WATER FOUNTAIN TYPE

Mail Stop AF

Commissioner for Patent

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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated January 25, 2006 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-4 and 6-10.

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